

Serial No. 10/615,801

Attorney Docket No. VX032544

REMARKS

Claims 11-16 are pending. Claims 1-10 have been canceled. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 11-16 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were said to be allowable if written in independent form. Claims 11, 13, and 15 have been written in independent form including all the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 11-16 are considered to be in condition for allowance.

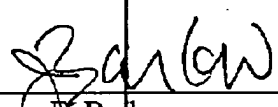
Claims 4-10 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voogd (US 3606868). Claims 4-10 have been canceled. Thus, this rejection will not be discussed.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested because the amendment is considered to place the application in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A timely notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If questions arise, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

If there are any problems with the payment of fees, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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